Cutting of Elavu trees in registered holdings.

81. ***Mr. E. K. Kuripe** (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the officers of the Forest Department have taken stock of the Elavu trees in registered holdings without the permission of the owners of these holdings informing the latter that they have no right on such trees?

(2) Will they be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the taluks in which such trees were counted, the number of such trees and their cubic contents in terms of candies?

Mr. P. Raman Pillai: (1) Stock of Elavu trees in registered holdings has been taken out not without the permission of the owners of the holdidgs, nor after informing them that they had no right on such trees?

(2) No Taluk-war statement is available.

Forced bribe near Edapally Chowkey.

82. ***Mr. E. K. Kuripe:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any complaints to the effect that those who pass through the surroundings of the Excise chowkey at Edapally with any goods are compelled to give bribes to the Excise Officers there?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: No. They have not received any such complaints.

Issue of licenses for fire-arms.

83. ***Mr. E. K. Kuripe:** (i) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of fire arms in the State in respect of which licenses were issued till the end of 1113 and the number out of them for which license was issued for the protection of crops?

(2) will they be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of fire arms deposited by the owners in each of the police stations in the state and the number in respect of which a period of one month has elapsed since the date of deposit?

(3) will they be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number among the deposited arms which have licenses in force, the number in respect of which applications for the renewal of licenses have been made and the amount that Government realised by way of granting licenses;

(*b*) the number of persons prosecuted during 1113 and 1114 for using guns without license; and

(*c*) whether up to 1113 all persons, who after applying for renewal of licenses, kept possession of their guns till the date of the renewal, have been duly punished?

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